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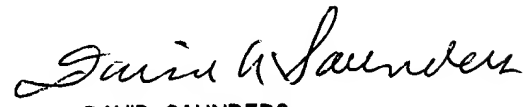
The reply filed on 12/3/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment fails to follow Rule 1.121. Specifically, the clean copy of claims 37 and 38 does not indicate these claims as “(amended)” after the claim numbers. The marked up copy of claims 37 and 38 does not indicate these claims as “(amended)” after the claim numbers; however, applicant shows bracketing and underlining in these claims. Since these claims were not correctly designated in the clean copy, these claims remain as recited in the amendment of 2/26/01.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. Saunders whose telephone number is (703) 308-3976. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, C. Chan, can be reached on (703) 308-3973.

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